

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY RESPONSES RELATED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

A presentation was made on the processes of gathering information from the public and how this was categorized. The total responses, received via the various avenues was over six thousand individual comments. These were reviewed by staff, sorted according to being related or not related to the General Plan, or too vague to assess and then input into a database. It was determined that 4,000 were related, 1,000 were not related but forwarded to the relevant agencies for action; and 1,200 were not clearly defined.

The themes from the community responses related to public facilities and services was presented. It was stated that the focus now is to get the subcommittee's opinions, to determine if they are good comments, what was missed, are there critical elements, gaps in the data that we collected. Ultimately we want to come up with some kind of relative importance of these comments.

In response to a question on water shortages. It was mentioned that the GMOC is in contact with the water purveyors, Otay and Sweetwater Authority and have had reports, received periodically from them to indicate that this was not a valid cause for concern in the short term. To address the long term, in-depth studies are being conducted, the results of which will be presented later on.

The issue of drainage was noticeably missing from the public comments and should be addressed by this meeting.

The point was raised that more use should be made of the existing facilities and centers with greater awareness to the public for increased participation, greater communication, rather than have more money utilized in constructing new buildings. This will encourage people to stay in the community. Possibly one media to get the word out together with or instead of the Union Tribune, the Star News or the Community TV. The issue of having a PR area of the city to get info to the forefront of the public awareness to keep them informed, seems to be a critical requirement, a key element to this whole is communication.

The issue of affordable housing was raised. The fact that low and middle income public servants cannot afford to buy a house in Chula Vista reflects on the cost increases of the builders filtering down to the buyers; for every \$100.00 added to the cost of a house, 1,000 potential buyers are eliminated, resulting in Chula Vista becoming an elitist community. This would also be related to the issue of homelessness.

On the issue of Parks and Recreation, it was raised that pocket parks are also necessary, not just regional and community parks.

Clarification was called for on the issue of hospital shortage or need, and information was presented from Scripps Rotary Club that approx. 40 percent of emergency care is being sent out to other hospitals due to inability to handle them. Sharp has a proposed 3 or 4 million dollar expansion in the works for emergency and intensive care units.

The issue of a cultural or convention center to be owned and operated by the public or private sector was raised and sited as important as the resultant policies would be different. A question regarding the funding and the amount of the budget that would be utilized was raised and it was suggested to do an investigation on what other cities of similar size was spending.

6. OTHER ISSUES

7. NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 12, 2002

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:15p.m. until the next meeting on December 12, 2002, in Conference Rooms 2 & 3 at 6:00p.m.

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